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Ten Millions for Peace.

Mr. Carnegie's interest in the cause of peace, or, as he usually puts it, in the abolition of war, has existed for many years and been steadily growing and deepening for the last ten years and more. This interest has manifested itself both in strong public addresses and published articles and in generous contributions of money. Soon after the first Hague Conference he gave, as is well known, a million and a half for the building at The Hague of a worthy palace for the International Court of Arbitration. More recently he devoted one hundred thousand dollars to the erection of a suitable home for the Central American International Court of Justice at Cartago, and has provided for the rebuilding of this house, which was destroyed not long ago by an earthquake. Toward the erection of the Pan-American Union building, one of the most beautiful structures in Washington, he contributed three-quarters of a million. For several years also he has been making generous gifts to a number of the peace organizations, the American Peace Society, the American Inter-

national Conciliation Association, the New York Peace Society, the Intercollegiate Peace Association, the American School Peace League, and two or three societies in Europe. Altogether he has contributed not much less than fifty thousand dollars a year for some years in this way, to say nothing of large special gifts toward the expenses of the Boston International Peace Congress of 1904, the National Peace Congresses at New York and Chicago in 1907 and 1909, and the New England Peace Congress last spring.

But ten millions for peace in one gift! The price of a whole battleship for the abolition of war! When the announcement of this magnificent fund was made in Washington on December 14, it quite dazed with delight the poor pacifists throughout the world, who had been working for decades, and in some quarters for nearly a century, with the strongest faith and the most loyal devotion to their ideals, but on pittances of money incredibly small. The International Peace Movement, recognized to be the most commanding movement of the time, has been created and brought to its present commanding position on probably a smaller financial outlay than has ever gone to any other important cause.

This great foundation ought in many ways to hasten forward the movement to complete triumph. It is true, as some critics have sneeringly remarked, that even ten millions of dollars cannot purchase universal peace. Nobody ever supposed it could. But the mere consecration of this great sum to the promotion of peace, by one of the two or three wealthiest men of the world, is a striking evidence of the advanced position which the movement has reached. Its greatness and nobility must now be recognized by all but the hopelessly blind. The body of peace workers throughout the world will feel at once a new inspiration and courage for the difficult tasks yet before them.

But in the way of effective, practical work, both in the further education of public sentiment and in aiding in securing governmental and intergovernmental action, this fund offers almost unlimited possibilities, if it is wisely directed, as the character of the men chosen to administer it gives assurance will be the case. Ten millions seems like a great sum, but it is, however, really only a tithe of what is needed to put the movement for world peace on the proper footing. The entire income of the fund (five hundred thousand dollars a year) can be well spent in this country alone. Indeed, several times that amount could